

Benoni Williams House
CE- 1074
Near Leeds
Private

\$. 1806

Benoni Williams, Cordwainer, occupied this two story two bay by one room dwelling from 1806 until his death around 1818. The property was divided among his heirs by certain Commissioners and part of the estate was laid off as dower rights for his widow Sarah. The tract and house remained in the Williams family ~~house remained in the Williams family~~ until 1857 when William Williams sold 59 acres and the stone house to William H. Vansant for \$ 1,350.00. (HAM 7/591)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

CE-1074

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File 3-121

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Benoni Williams House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Blue Ball Road just north of Mount Pleasant

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

CECT1

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank Griffith

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RD 2

CITY, TOWN

Hudson

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Wisconsin 54016

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 278

Folio #: 13

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CE-1074

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Benoni Williams House c. 1806 is a two story two bay by one room fieldstone house off Blue Ball Road $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Leeds. The house is located east of the road and the main house faces north with an east/west orientation.

The rubble fieldstone house has a two story two bay by one room late 19th century addition that retained the same roof slope. More recently a single story flat roof ell addition was attached to the south side of the frame section. The stone house rests on a full fieldstone basement which is entered through an exterior entrance on the east wall. The steeply pitched roof has had its eaves extended but a boxed cornice remains.

The main facade consists of a eastern bay entrance and adjacent 6/6 sash window. Each opening has a wooden lintel and plain surround including those 6/6 sash that light the second floor. A shed roof porch covers the first floor on the entire house which includes the two bay frame addition to the west. Another door and window occupy the first floor windows and two 6/6 sash light the second floor directly above.

The east gable end is basically plain outside the basement entrance and four pane attic windows that light the attic and flank the interior end chimney which is laid with brick above the roofline. An oval 1806 datestone with the initials B & E W is set in the peak.

The south side is partially covered with the most recent addition and includes one bay of the stone section. A 6/6 sash window on the first floor has a keystone arched lintel while the two windows on the second floor are the same as the others.

The west end of the frame house two 6/6 sash windows on each floor. The single story section is flush with the end wall.

The interior of the stone section has been totally redone and most likely due to a fire. The entire floor is replaced along with the winder stair. A new straight flight was substituted in the frame addition. The woodwork in the frame section dates to the last quarter of the 19th century or first part of the 20th century.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

CE-1074

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1806

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committtee

DATE

11/02/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

WAS 278/13
 10/20/1871
 Ernest L. Botts & Jean H. Botts
 To
 Frank Griffith
 Two Parcels 4.955 acres, 10.09 acres
 CE-1074

WAS 215/399
 9/19/1967
 Leonard H. Lockhart
 To
 Ernest L. Botts
 15 acres

WAS 79/42
 7/15/1959
 Chas. W. Stockley
 To
 Leonard H. Lockhart
 58 acres

RRC 89/148
 1953
 Edward F. Graham & Adelaide
 To
 Chas. W. Stockley
 58.8 acres

RRC 16/143
 4/15/1946
 Grace L. Mahoney
 To
 Edward F. Graham
 59 acres
 Being the same land... conveyed unto
 Harry E. Mahoney by 2 deeds.
 1. From Joseph L. Holt 2/9/1911 CK 2/559
 2. From Wm. T. Mahoney 2/8/1917 CSP 3/369

CK 2/559
 2/9/1911
 Joseph F. Holt & Mary L. Holt
 To
 Wm. T. Mahoney
 59 acres

CK 2/5353
 11/18/1910
 Anna Cronin
 To
 Joseph F. Holt
 59 acres

JGW 4/15
 3/24/1898
 Thomas R. Smith
 To
 Anna Cronin
 59 acres

JGW 2/202
 Robert C. Thackery, Attorney
 To
 Thomas R. Smith
 Public Sale - Mortgage from Anna Cronin
 and Wm. Cronin dated 29th of June 1893 JTG 4/258

JTG 2/565
 6/29/1893
 John T. Drummond
 To
 Anna Cronin
 \$1,900.00 59 Acres

JAD 15/465

6/9/1888

SAD 1/297

3/22/1879

HHM 7/591

4/30/1857

Mathew Drummond, Hannah T. Drummond
To

John T. Drummond
\$2500

Wm. H. Vansant

To
Matthew Drummond
\$1750

William Williams
To

Wm. H. Vansant \$1,350.00
59 Acres

And by two deeds of Jeremiah Starr and wife
4/11/1855 (HHM 5/79)
8/15/1873 (DS 10/181)

Being part of the Real Estate ~~of the Real Estate~~
of Benoni Williams (Cordwainer)
devidd among heirs of certain commissioners on
or about the 19th day of Oct. 1818 - and part of
said estate hereby granted was laid off as
dower of the widow of Sara, deceased.

JS 2/519 £411

114 ACRES

12/31/1806

"All that tract piece or parcel of land or
plantation lying in Cecil County aforesaid
where Benoni Williams now liveth."



401-33

Bayview
Quad



CE-1074

BENONI WILLIAMS HOUSE
NORTH ELEVATION
NR ELKTON

6/80 PBT

NEG. / MR. HIST TRUST

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